THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Barh Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) (3x660 MW) has been identified as a Mega Power;Project to be implemented by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Patna district of Bihar by early 11th Plan. NTPC had submitted the Feasibility Report for this project to various statutory agencies and key clearances like environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests and Techno-Economic Clearance from Central Electricity Authority has been obtained.

(c) The manpower requirement depends on various factors including the nature of technology involved in the project.

Less production of power than installed capacity

†877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Eastern Region of power sector in the country, production of power is less than its installed capacity;

(b) if so, the capacity of hydel power production in this region;

(c) the number of power projects (Plants) set up in this region till December, 2002 alongwith the production capacity of plants; and

(d) the percentage of annual production on power out of their installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Generation from the power plants located in Eastern Region is less than the installed capacity because of less demand in the region. However, 1200-1300 MW during peak period and about 2000 MW during off-peak period are being exported from Eastern Region to other regions.

(b) The installed capacity of hydro generating plants in the Eastern Region is 2459 MW.

(c) 38 Power Plants (25 MW and above) with installed capacity of 15,420 MW and another 776 MW comprising small/mini/micro/diesel/wind energy plants have been set up till December, 2002 in Eastern Region.

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(d) Plan Load Factor (PLF) of thermal generating units in the Eastern Region during the period April-December, 2002 was 50.6%. Low PLF is mainly attributable to ageing of generating units, inadequate sub-transmission and distribution network and low demand in the region.

Installed production capacity of Eastern Zone of power sector

†878. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Zone of power sector is installed with production capacity which is more than its own requirement; and

(b) if so, the details of installed production capacity and the demand of power in this zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of installed generation capacity in Eastern Region as on 31.1.2003 is given as under:

Figures in MW

	Hydro	Thermal	Wind	Total
State Sector	2255.51	5655.56	2.59	7913.66
Private Sector	0	1441.52	-	1441.52
Central Sector	204	7137.50	-	7341.50
TOTAL	2459.51	14234.58	2.59	16696.68

During the period April—January, 2003 the peak demand in Eastern Region was 8076 MW.

Clearance of private power projects

†879. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the private sector power projects

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